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Mr. J. B. Clark
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London, W. 1, England

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 1952. I was indeed interested in the staff changes which have taken place and although we are sorry to lose contact with old friends, we look forward with pleasure to meeting new ones. I am sure that no continuity will be lost as a result of these changes and I hope that you will feel free to call on us for any assistance we can give in orienting Mr. Marriott or yourself in the American side of our joint operations. [redacted] Chief, FBIS Bureau, Caversham, is of course at your service any time you need him. STAT

No doubt your experience has been similar to ours in that the several intelligence agencies are placing more and more emphasis on radio monitoring as an instrument of intelligence information collecting. While recognizing its limitations they endorse it as being a good fast substitute for other collection activities, some of which have been stifled; e.g. closed embassies, legations and consulates, the cutting off of subscriptions to regional periodicals, and the prohibitions of travel. With this situation in mind I feel that between us we have an obligation to exploit foreign radio broadcasting to the fullest practicable extent for purposes of collection of intelligence information. I believe that this subject should be high on the agenda of the next Joint Coordinating Committee meeting which is scheduled to be held in Washington.

It has been the practice to hold these committee meetings alternately in London and in Washington and for the Director of External Broadcasting to preside at the London meetings and for me to preside in Washington. It might be well if this year both you and Mr. Marriott could attend, in which case we could jointly chair the meeting. This is merely an impromptu suggestion but it seems to have merit and I would appreciate your reaction.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you and Mr. Marriott in the not too distant future, I am

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director for Operations

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